GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

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IRREGULARITIES IN KENDRIYA BHANDAR
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a lot of irregularities and corruption are taking place in the sale and purchase of stationery and other items and selection of suppliers in the Kendriya Bhandar;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to separate the stationery Department from the main body of the organisation and to corporatise them for direct proper control and supervision of the Government;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor, and

(d) the number of complaints received from the Government department by the Government relating to supply of poor quality good/items, higher rates, lack of consumer satisfaction etc. in the organisation in each of the last three years alongwith the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS WELFARE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a): Complaints about irregularities and corruption which are received by Kendriya Bhandar are investigated by its Chief Vigilance Officer.

(b)&(c):The Kendriya Bhandar being a Consumer Cooperative Society registeredunder the Multi State Cooperative Socities Actwith its own byelaws, the proposal is not feasible.

(d): Complaints of general nature have been received by the Government. No separate statistics of such complaints is maintained. Kendriya Bhandar had, however, received 7 specific complaints from various Government Departments relating to over charging, inferior quality of paper etc. Such complaints were looked into by them and action taken which included imposition of penalty on concerned officials.